



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Neighborhood Advisory Council
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito Street
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Antonio Velasquez, Senior Supervisor,
Neighborhood and Outreach Services.

1. ROLL CALL

| Members | Present | Absent |
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| Aldana, Sebastian | | Excused |
| Byrne, Sharon | Yes | |
| Foxen, Sally | Yes | |
| Greene, Naomi | Yes | |
| Kingston, Sally | Yes | |
| Limon, Javier | Yes | |
| Vela-Mendoza, Raquel | Yes | |
| Molina, Beatriz | Yes | |
| Pena, Theresa | Yes | |
| Soto, Ana | Yes | |
| Trujillo, Cesar | Yes | |
| Vassallo, Tony | Yes | |
| Walters, Holly | Yes | |

STAFF PRESENT: Antonio Velásquez, Sarah Hanna
LIAISONS: Councilmen Frank Hotchkiss and Bendy White
Commissioners Beebe Longstreet and Nick Ferrara
Youth Council Member Blanca Garcia

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS - None

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighborhood and Outreach Services Coordinator Pete Leyva announced that there would be an Egg Hunt Event for youth at the Parque de los Niños on Saturday, April 23, 2011 beginning at 10 a.m. All advisory members were invited to come and participate.

Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager, announced that Mayor Schneider was inviting all advisory members to participate in the Annual Advisory Group meeting being held on Monday, April 25, 2011, at the Faulkner Gallery, Central Library. At this event advisory members would get information on how meetings are conducted, Brown Act, and other information important to advisory members.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Alvarado, Pueblo Action Fund, commented that Pueblo would like to work with the advisory group and law enforcement on community issues such as the gang injunction and DUI stops.

Juan Pablo, Palabra Group, would like to work with the advisory group on a campaign to educate the neighborhood about the document and as a unified voice they are speaking against the gang injunction.

Jacqueline Inda, resident, spoke regarding the recent gang injunction document.

Dorothy Littlejohn, resident, stated that she had concerns regarding our youth and the lack of jobs for teenagers.

Councilman Bendy White spoke under Public Comments and thanked the members of the Neighborhood Advisory Council. He stated he was happy to see the Council launched and looked forward to working with the group in the future.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Introductions and background

Commissioner Longstreet and Senior Supervisor Velasquez spoke with the group about some of the history of the neighborhood advisory groups and the community centers. Commissioner Longstreet spoke of the importance of having neighborhood input and involvement with the goal of improving the neighborhoods. Commissioner Longstreet stated she hope the group would expand by utilizing residents on subcommittees.

b. Statement of Purpose

Senior Supervisor Velasquez gave background on community services and the relationship the advisory council would have with other department sections such as working with the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force. Mr. Velasquez stated that the purpose of the advisory council would be to empower the residents to have a voice in making changes for the neighborhood.

c. Review of Packet Materials

Programs Manager Hanna distributed binders to each of the members and explained what their packets contained, such as information on the Brown Act, Goals and Purposes of group; maps, rosters, etc.

d. Upcoming Topics

The advisory council discussed upcoming topics of interest to be placed on the agenda for future meetings. The topics/discussion included the following:

- Brown Act & Roberts Rules of Order
- Neighborhood Improvement Task Force
- City/Neighborhood Capitol Improvement
- CDBG, and Community Development and Human Services Committee (CDHSC) award recipients. Annual report of non-profit CDBG recipients. (Staff reported that there will be a liaison appointed to represent the CDHSC).

- Forming sub-committees
- Prioritizing neighborhood issues
- Public forum/town hall meetings
- Alcoholic Beverage Control Board report on liquor stores and process of working with ABC
- Ordinances and zoning
- State of the City
- Open-spaces for children
- City-wide data on (Commissioner Ferrara reminded advisory body that they wanted to keep the focus on neighbors/residents who are most underrepresented and in the lower income bracket)
- Description of neighborhoods (census tract, crime rate, schools, socio-economics)
- Gang injunction
- What non-profits are serving what neighborhoods
- Business economics-process for getting a business, % that are minority owned
- Neighborhood beat coordinators returning to the neighborhoods, breakdown of police department
- Budget presentation
- Parking permits; public transportation; street lighting
- Neighborhood block coordination
- Youth employment

Staff suggested that some of the topics could be grouped together and presentations arranged to address issues such as information on city departments and the Neighborhood Task Force as well as training for the advisory council members. Commissioner Longstreet again encouraged the formation of subcommittees in the future to help with limit staff resources. Advisory Council member Trujillo requested that a discussion of Gang Injunctions be placed on the next meeting agenda.

e. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

By a majority vote, Theresa Pena and Ana Soto were nominated and elected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

f. Set Regular Meeting Date and Time

It was moved and seconded by Naomi Greene and Tony Vassallo, respectively, that the Neighborhood Advisory Council meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Location to be determined. Motion carried. It was requested that the meeting of May 11th, be held at the Louise Lowry Davis Center.

8. STAFF REPORTS - none

9. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Young, recording secretary